

Museum Highlights



Carvings

Mooney Warther was inspired to carve a collection of 64 extravagantly-detailed steam locomotives from ivory, ebony and walnut. Early in his carving mastery, Mooney learned how to make his signature pair of pliers from a single block of wood. At times, members of the family can be seen demonstrating the art of carving the pliers for museum guests.



Guided Tours

Admission includes an escorted tour through the museum by a Warther expert. Learn about the history, carvings, philosophies and life stories of the Master Carver. Guided tours are run throughout the day, with last call at 3:45pm.



Family Friendly

We welcome people of all ages to see, discover and learn! Speaking of family, Mooney's love of family has been passed down to 4th-generation descendants, who work in the museum and cutlery business daily.



HOURS

January - December: Daily, 9am - 5pm

Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas,
New Year's Day & Easter.

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MUSEUM

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Ernest "Mooney" Warther
World's Master Carver

Featured by National Geographic
"Priceless works of art" - Smithsonian Institution
AAA Gem Attraction
Voted #1 Attraction by NE Ohio Residents



Each tour of the museum includes a visit to the knife shop where you observe firsthand the expertise that goes into each piece of Warther Cutlery.

Warther Cutlery, which American materials just as it has been for more than 100 years, located inside the Museum. Warther Cutlery is now operated by a third generation that continue the tradition of excellence and fine artisanship customers have come to expect.

Necessity is the mother of invention and such was the case for Ernest "Mooney" Warther when he needed a knife that would hold its edge when used to carve hard surfaces. Knife making became Mooney's primary source of income and allowed him to support his family.

Warther
CUTLERY

Gift Shoppe & Cutlery



During your visit, enjoy a stroll through Freida Warther's Swiss-style gardens. Be sure to step inside the Button House, and view over 73,000 buttons, displayed in different patterns and designs.

The museum features Mooney's home, restored to appear as it was when he and Freida started their life together. Mooney's original workshop, built in 1912, features his tools, an extensive collection of Native American arrowheads and the fireplace where he forged steel used in the kitchen knives. The museum showcases the priceless collection of 64 ebony, ivory and walnut trains, carved by Mooney at different stages of his life. Each carving is painstakingly accurate with moving parts that are remarkably to scale.

The Warther Museum is like no other museum in the world. Situated on eight acres in the tree lined residential neighborhood where Mooney once lived, the Swiss chalet-style Warther Museum gives visitors a glimpse into the life of Mooney, his wife Freida and their family.

The Workshop & Collections

Grounds Map



Upper
Parking Lot

Gift Shoppe
Entrance

Warther
MUSEUM

Original
Workshop

Museum
Entrance

Gardens

Swiss
Gardens

The Cave

Button
House

Grape
Arbor

Original Warther Home

Caboose

Train Engine

Bell

Lower
Parking Lot

Telegraph Office

Gazebo

Karl Ave

Center St.

W 9th St.